



# BEDBUGS BITE

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## Preparation for Bed Bug Treatments



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## **Preparations for Bed Bug Treatments: (Conventional Treatments)**

**It is imperative that you follow these instructions as outlined below to have an effective treatment. Bed bugs require the most prep work by occupants than all other pests.**

**Bedrooms:** Remove all linen from the bed(s) and wash. Remove mattress from top of box spring and place both mattress and box spring on their side (we will need to have access to area under the bed). Remove everything from headboard(s) and place in sealable plastic bags. Place bags where they will not restrict access to bedroom. Remove all items from dresser/vanity/night stand/armoire drawers and place in sealable plastic bags. Place bags where they will not restrict access to bedroom. Remove all items from inside closets and place where they will not restrict access to the closet. Some suggest areas: basement, garage or bathroom.

**Living/Family Rooms:** Roll up all “area” and “throw rugs” and place together in area where they can be treated. The garage or basement is suggested for this. Move all furniture at least two (2) feet away from the walls. Remove all items from coffee/end/sofa tables as well as bookshelves, hutches, tv stands, cd/dvd/tape cabinets and entertainment units and place in sealable plastic bags. Place bags where they will not restrict access.

**Kitchen:** Place all dishes, food (canned or boxed) into plastic bags and close tightly. Place the bags in the center of the kitchen or someplace where they will not interfere with service personnel accessing the cabinets and baseboards. Front areas of refrigerators and stoves will need three (3) feet of clearance.

**Bathroom:** Remove all medicines, toothbrushes, personal care products and place into plastic bags and close tightly. Place in a location where they will not impede access to bathroom. **The bathtub is suggested for this.**

**Basements:** Move all clothing and stored items away from washer, dryer and sink areas. Locations where the walls and ceilings as well as the walls and floors meet need to be accessible to service personnel. For one week to ten (10) days following the treatment

you may notice an increase in pest activity. If this occurs do not be concerned. This is a result of the treatment driving the pests out of their nesting areas.

## **Bed Bug Heat Treatment Preparation Suggestions:**

- Gather Candles, Prescription Medications, and Cosmetics to be stored in the refrigerator.
- Gather Fire Extinguishers, Crayons, Alcohol, and Aerosols to be stored in the bathtub during treatment.
- Clothing should be removed from dresser drawers and put into laundry baskets. It will be your responsibility to put clothing back into dresser(s) after treatment. Hanging clothes do not need to be moved.
- Unplug all electronics in rooms being treated (TV's, DVD players, Cable/Dish receivers, etc.)
- Plants, VHS tapes, Vinyl Records, and Audio tapes should be removed.  
*Upon your return you will notice some disarray of furniture, belongings, etc., which will be your responsibility to arrange to your liking. This includes moving clothing back to your desired location.*

**By not removing belongings you are reducing the risk of reintroducing bed bugs back into your home. Only remove the essential items to get you through the day so the heat can penetrate and effectively remove the bed bugs from where they may be harboring.**

**Windows may be opened and A/C can be turned on to help reduce the temperature after treatment and the dwelling can be entered as soon as treatment is completed.**

**We strongly recommend that small children, the elderly, people with respiratory problems and pets vacate the premises during the treatment and remain away for at least two (2) hours.**